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H.R. 4811—FY 2001 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act

Floor Situation:

The House is scheduled to consider H.R. 4811 on July 12, 2000. On Tuesday evening, July 11, the Rules Committee granted an open rule that waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule also waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of Rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill), except as specified by the rule. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record* and also allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed vote, if the first vote in a series is a fifteen minute vote. The rules of the House require appropriations bills to be amended by paragraph. However, the rule for H.R. 4811 allows the paragraphs of section 587 (Mexico City) to be considered en bloc and provides that the first amendment would be a motion to strike. The rule also waives points of order against amendments to the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of Rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation). Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Additional Possible Amendments: Since press time last night, the *Legislative Digest* has become aware of the following additional amendments:

Mr. Cox may offer an amendment that prohibits the United States government from using funds provided under the bill to provide guarantees or insurance - backed up by the full faith and credit of the American taxpayer - for any liability that may result from the construction or operation of the

nuclear reactors provided to North Korea by the United States. *Staff Contact: Jonathan Burks, x5-5611.*

Mr. Paul may offer an amendment (#17) that prohibits the use of funds in the bill for international population control or family planning activities. *Staff Contact: Joe Becker, x5-2831.*

Mr. Greenwood may offer an amendment that strikes portions of section 587. Portions of that section prohibit funding for organizations that perform abortions, violate the laws of a foreign country in the performance of abortions, or attempt to alter the abortion laws of a foreign country. *Staff Contact: Ron Chester, x5-4276*

Mr. Coburn may offer an amendment that transfers \$15 million from the account “Operating Expenses for the Agency for International Development” to the account “Assistance for Eastern Europe and the Baltic States”, with the result of making additional funds available for aid to Macedonia. *Staff Contact: John Hart, x5-2701.*

Mr. Coburn may offer an amendment that transfers \$9 million from the account “Operating Expenses for the Agency for International Development” to the account “Debt Restructuring”, with the result of making additional funds available for aid to Macedonia. *Staff Contact: John Hart, x5-2701.*

Mr. Coburn may offer an amendment that creates an exception to the language, prohibiting the use of funds for Kosovo for large scale physical infrastructure reconstruction of the electrical power and water systems in Kosovo. The language does not direct the expenditure of funds for such projects, but merely lifts the prohibition in the bill. *Staff Contact: John Hart, x5-2701.*



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